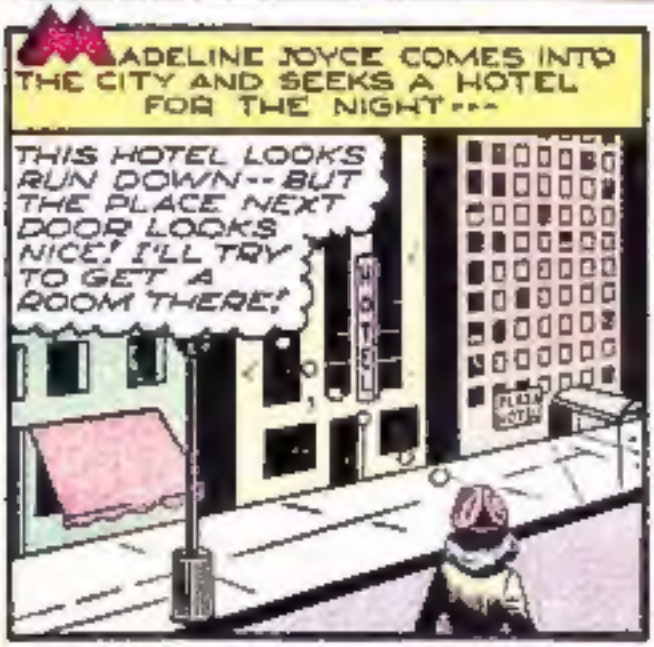
Miss
AMERICA
WHAT GHASTLY MENACE STALKS THE HAUNTED HALLS OF THIS THRIVING HOTEL, LEAVING A TRAIL OF MADNESS AND DEATH? EVEN MISS AMERICA FINDS HER VALIANT COURAGE TESTED, BATTLING "THE GHOUL OF THE 13TH FLOOR!"


MADELINE JOYCE COMES INTO THE CITY AND SEEKS A HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT---
THIS HOTEL LOOKS RUN DOWN -- BUT THE PLACE NEXT DOOR LOOKS NICE! I'LL TRY TO GET A ROOM THERE!
HOTEL
FLOOR

WE'RE SO CROWDED -- BUT IF YOU'RE NOT SUPERSTITIOUS -- WE CAN PLACE YOU ON THE 13TH FLOOR!
I'LL TAKE IT!

SEVERAL OTHER GUESTS FOR THE 13TH FLOOR JOIN MADELINE IN THE ELEVATOR!
THIRTEEN PLEASE!
THIRTEEN?
WELL, WHAT'S WRONG WITH 13?
N-NOTHING--EXCEPT THAT A MAN WAS MURDERED ON THAT FLOOR! THEY SAY IT'S HAUNTED!
PLAZA HOTEL
BAH! OLD WIVES TALES!
I EXPECT A GOOD NIGHT'S REST!
BUT LATER, IN THE DEAD OF THE NIGHT, A GHASTLY FIGURE STALKS THE HAUNTED HALLS OF THE 13TH FLOOR!
SO THEY DEFY ME--THE GHOUL!
FIRST THIS ONE!
1313
IN THE NEXT ROOM, MADELINE IS SUDDENLY AWAKENED BY A BLOOD-CURDLING YELL THAT SHIVERS THE STILL AIR!
E-E-E-E-E! H-HELP!
HEAVENS! WHAT'S THAT?
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IN A FLASH, MADELINE CHANGES TO MISS AMERICA AND--
LOCKED! I'LL HAVE TO CRASH THRU!
1313
A HORRIFYING SIGHT MEETS HER EYES!
NUMBER ONE! BUT THERE WILL BE OTHERS BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OVER!
YOU FIEND!
MISS AMERICA BRAVELY ATTACKS THE GHOULISH KILLER!
UG-H-H-H!
I'LL CRUSH YOU-- WHA-- YOU FLY?!
YES! AND HERE'S MY SPECIAL DIVE-BOMB DELIVERY!
1313
THE GRUESOME KILLER DECIDES IT'S TIME TO DISAPPEAR!
I'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT KILLER!
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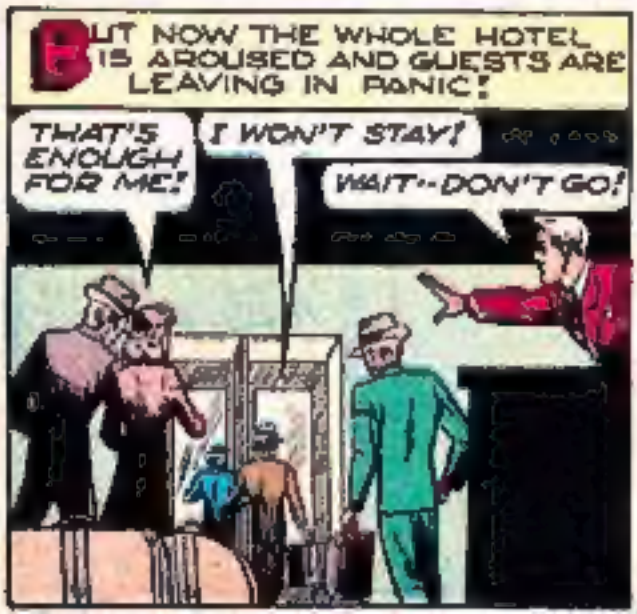
NOT A SIGN OF HIM ANYWHERE! GUESS I'D BETTER GET BACK TO ROOM 1313!
BACK IN THE ROOM, THE FRIGHTENED GUESTS STARE AT THE VICTIM OF THE GHOUL!
AWFUL! WHAT DID THE FIEND WANT?? WHY DID HE??
APPARENTLY HE WANTED A RING!
YES! I CAN SEE THE MARK WHERE HE WORE THE RING!
THE HOTEL MANAGER TRIES TO CALM THE ALARMED GUESTS!!
BACK TO YOUR ROOMS! DON'T LET THIS ALARM YOU TOO MUCH!
MISS AMERICA! I BEG YOU TO STAND GUARD TONIGHT! ANOTHER INCIDENT AND MY GUESTS WILL LEAVE! I'LL BE RUINED!
ALL RIGHT, MR. NICHOLSON!
LATER—
WHO-- IS THE GHOUL? IS HE AFTER JEWELRY?
1332
AND SUDDENLY---
AAAAAAA! NO-NO-HELP!
SCREAMS FROM 1311 ON THE OTHER SIDE! THE WINDOW WILL BE FASTER!

THIS TIME THE KILLER FLINGS HIS VICTIM FROM THE WINDOW!
DOWN YOU GO!
EEEEEEEEEE!
STOP!
BUT MISS AMERICA QUICKLY DIVES DOWNWARD AND---
OHH! MISS AMERICA!
ZOOM!

MY DIAMOND RING!! IT'S GONE!
SO HE IS AFTER JEWELRY!
BUT LUCKY YOU LOST YOUR RING AND NOT YOUR LIFE!


BUT NOW THE WHOLE HOTEL IS AROUSED AND GUESTS ARE LEAVING IN PANIC!
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME!
I WON'T STAY!
WAIT--DON'T GO!

HALF MY GUESTS ARE GONE! I'M RUINED! AND THAT GHOUL IS STILL AT LARGE--ON THE 13TH FLOOR!
I'M GOING BACK UP THERE!
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SINCE NO ONE IS LEFT HERE ON THE 13TH FLOOR, THE GHOUL MIGHT STRIKE ON OTHER FLOORS! BUT-- WAIT--THERE IS ONE GUEST LEFT--!
AND MISS AMERICA CHANGES BACK TO MADELINE--AND WAITS!
--I'M LEFT--AS MADELINE I'M TAKING A BIG RISK! I HOPE HE COMES BY AND SEES THIS RING!
WHA--? A GIRL DEFIES ME? AH- A SPARKLING RING!
THE GHOUL! OHHHH!
BUT MADELINE'S HAND FLASHES UP AND THE ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS--!
CLICK
IDIOT GIRL! I WORK IN DARKNESS AS WELL AS LIGHT! AH--- I HAVE YOU!
BUT IN THE DARKNESS --- MADELINE MAKES A QUICK CHANGE TO MISS AMERICA!
YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ME-- --MISS AMERICA!
WHAM!
THE KILLER SUDDENLY PLUNGES FROM THE WINDOW--
IS HE DE-LIBERATELY CHOOSING DEATH?
NO! HE JUST LEAPED ACROSS TO THE NEXT BUILDING--TO THE CROWN HOTEL--THAT'S STRANGE!!

MISS AMERICA DASHES TO THE HOTEL NEXT DOOR!
MR. CROWN? ONE OF YOUR GUESTS IS A KILLER AND A JEWEL THIEF!
KILLER? THIEF? IT COULD BE THE MAN IN NUMBER 25!
HE LOOKS LIKE A GANGSTER TO ME!
IT MIGHT BE THE GHOUL!
AH, PACKING UP TO ESCAPE, I SEE, YOU KILLER!
WHA--?I'M NO KILLER!
THEN HOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS COSTUME OF THE KILLER AND THOSE STOLEN RINGS?
I'M INNOCENT! IT'S A FRAME-UP!
LIES! ALL LIES! TRYING TO GIVE MY HOTEL A BAD NAME!
THANKS, MR. CROWN--- I HAVE THE KILLER NOW!
--YOU, MR. CROWN!
AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE----
JOSHUA CROWN! MY RIVAL IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS! HE'S THE GHOUL?!?
YES! HIS RUN-DOWN HOTEL WAS LOSING BUSINESS AND BEING JEALOUS, HE PLAYED THE PART OF THE GHOUL! HE TRIED TO SCARE GUESTS AWAY FROM YOUR HOTEL! THESE RINGS GAVE HIM AWAY!
HE PLANTED THEM IN THIS MANS' ROOM SO HE'D BE ACCUSED OF THE CRIMES! BUT HE FORGOT THAT DURING OUR FIGHT IN THE DARK, MY RING MARKED HIM AS THE GHOUL!
THE END

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